

## **Internship Opportunity: Soap Cycling Internship Programme 2014**

To: All HKU students

Soap Cycling ([www.soapcycling.org](http://www.soapcycling.org)), is inviting applications for **Summer Internship Opportunities 2014**.

### **Job Specifications**

The Internship will offer students an opportunity to gain hands-on experience helping to map the carbon footprint of one of the most exciting NGOs in Hong Kong. The Internship lasts at least **four weeks** with flexible work schedule from **June to August**, subject to candidates' availability and the organization's needs.

The Internship is **unpaid**, but recommendation letters will be given to interns with outstanding performance.

For details and positions available, please refer to:

<http://goo.gl/qXgI0K>

### **Organization background**

Soap Cycling is a non-profit organization which aims to reduce preventable child deaths in Southeast Asian countries, while simultaneously recycling thousands of kilos of chemical waste each month. We do this by collecting, processing and then distributing used hotel soap. The soap is distributed through our partner NGOs, primarily to disadvantaged youth in underprivileged areas in Asia.

### **Application Method**

Please submit your **CV, cover letter and your top three preferences of internship positions** to [hr@soapcycling.org](mailto:hr@soapcycling.org)

### **Application Deadline**

**18 April 2014 (Friday). Reviewed on a rolling basis.**



### **Internship Details:**

We are looking for a student who is a self-starter and who can work independently, as this internship will not have mandatory working hours or office time, and will not be supervised heavily. We need students who can think creatively and manage time, establish priorities and set goals for timely completion.

Some of the types of issues and questions you would analyze and consider during the internship are as follows:

#### **Recycling process of soap**

- How can we use the machines efficiently?
- Is it possible to streamline the production process?

#### **Downstream environmental effects**

- What metrics should we use to select communities for soap distribution?
- Do they need running water and sewage/septic systems?
- What damage can be done to natural water sources if soap is introduced to the community?
- Is there some training we can give the local population to help mitigate the damage to natural water sources?
- What about the other “wastage” that we deliver, e.g., if we deliver small plastic shampoo bottles to the communities?

#### **Possible Expansion Analysis:**

- Should we consider expanding our soap recycling program within Hong Kong
  - Collecting other waste from hotels?
  - Collecting soap bars from households or serviced apartments?
- Strategic analysis for where we should expand next: Singapore, Shanghai, Bangkok, Taipei, etc.
- Models for keeping the soap “local”

#### **EIA – Impact Assessment**

- Environmental effects of collection and distribution
- How to streamline the collection of soap (trucks; partners; etc.)
- Boxes and other packing materials – Can we use the HKU paper boxes? Other companies maybe have used boxes? Should we use plastic bags instead?

